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Past tense form of the verbs:

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| 1. <u>was</u> | 8. <u>got</u> | 15. <u>went</u> |
| 2. <u>was</u> | 9. <u>ran</u> | 16. <u>laughed</u> |
| 3. <u>played</u> | 10. <u>had</u> | 17. <u>was</u> |
| 4. <u>threw</u> | 11. <u>came</u> | 18. <u>rang</u> |
| 5. <u>saw</u> | 12. <u>climbed</u> | 19. <u>drank</u> |
| 6. <u>raced</u> | 13. <u>sat</u> | 20. <u>waved</u> |
| 7. <u>pumped</u> | 14. <u>pushed</u> | |

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